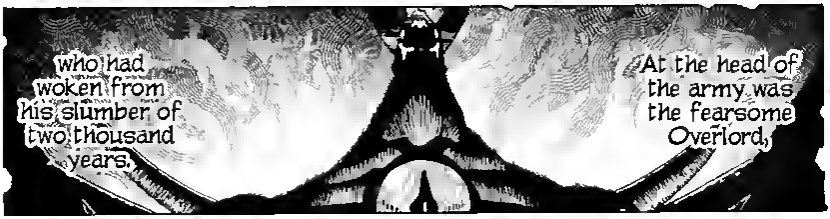

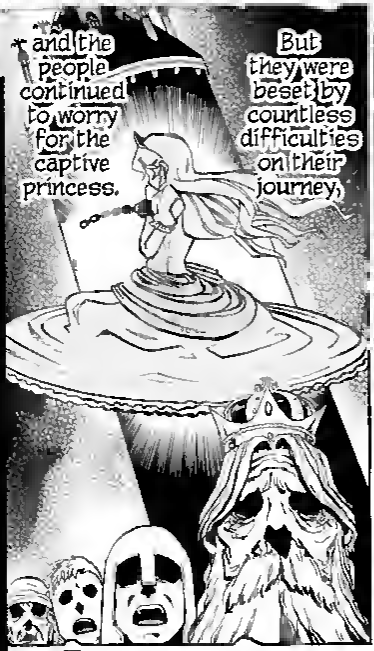
But they were beset by countless difficulties on their journey,
and the people continued to worry for the captive princess.

Knights from across the world were summoned to the kingdom to save the princess,
in hopes that one of them would be the hero of legend.

And now, Princess Sina...

JUST A LITTLE FURTHER, AND YOU'LL BE OUT OF THE VENT.
ARRGGHH!
I TOLD YOU, YOU'RE OVER MY WEIGHT LIMIT.
GARGON! YOU CAN FLY! CAN'T YOU JUST CARRY ME OUT!?
ARE YOU SAYING I'M HEAV...
AH!
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TCH.
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EEEEK!!
JUST A LITTLE MORE.
attempts to free herself from her prison by her own power.
URGH..
GH.
GH!
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PRISON PRINCESS
脱獄姫
PRESENTED BY YUJI KAKU

GARGOYLE! AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE GUARDING HER!?
OH FOR.. HOW MANY TIMES HAS SHE TRIED THIS NOW?
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P... PLEASE HAVE MERCY...
KEHEHEH
AND...
WHY DON'T WE JUST CUT HER ACHILLES TENDON?
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SORRY.. SHE SLIPPED AWAY WHEN I WASN'T LOOKING..
I CHIPPED A NAIL JUST NOW, SO COULD I GET A MANICURE?
HUH?

CALM DOWN! IF WE HURT THE GIRL, THE OVERLORD WILL...
TCH!
TH-THE HELL D'YOU THINK YOU ARE!?
AND A DECENT MAKEUP KIT, AND SOME SPRAY TO KEEP ME FROM GETTING A SUNBURN...
JOLT
I... I'M SORRY...
PHEW...
YOU DEAL WITH HER, GARGOYLE!
WH-- WHATEVER!
I'M SORRY.
BUT LOOK, MY NAIL...
YOU GOTTA WATCH WHAT YOU SAY.
THEY'LL KILL ME IF THEY FIND OUT I'M HELPING YOU.

I'M JUST PAYING YOU BACK FOR HELPING MY LITTLE BROTHER.
LOOK, I'M NOT YOUR SERVANT, PRINCESS.
GOD, ROYALS ARE A PAIN...!
I HAVE TO BREAK OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS I CAN SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE TROUBLE!
I CAN'T DO THAT!
IF I'M EVER IN DANGER, I'M OUT.
YOU DON'T LIKE THAT, JUST SIT TIGHT AND WAIT FOR YOUR KINGDOM TO RESCUE YOU
BUT...
WE'LL HELP YOU!
DON'T WORRY, PRINCESS SINA!

NO TIME FOR THAT NOW!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE? WHAT ABOUT YOUR POSTS?
BROTHER, GRAND-FATHER...
OH! YOU'RE ALL LOOKING WELL, EVERYONE!

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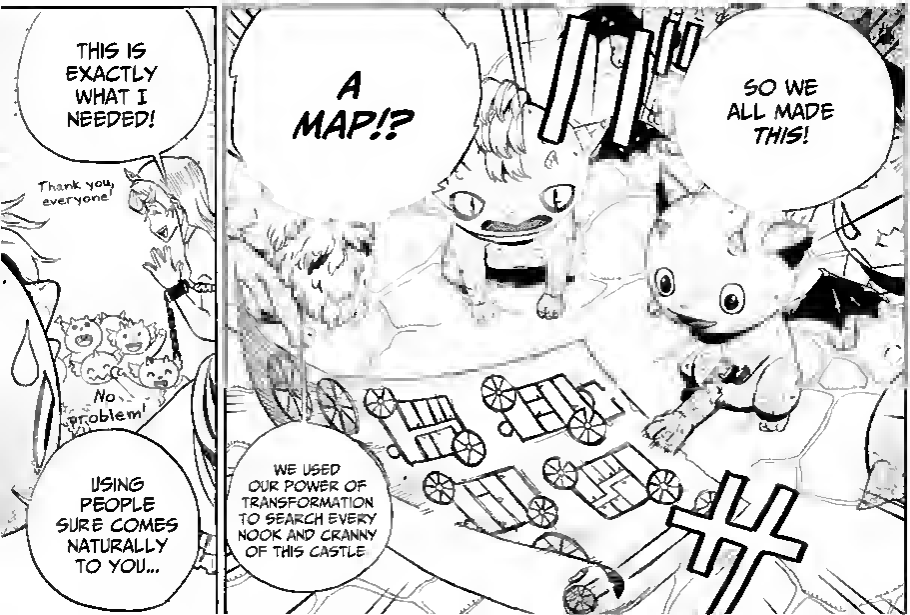
ONCE HE HAS RETURNED, ESCAPE WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.
THE OVERLORD WILL HAVE TAKEN THE ENEMIES HE DEFEATED ON HIS JOURNEY INTO HIS BODY AND BECOME EVEN STRONGER.
THE OVERLORD IS COMING BACK *TOMORROW!*


THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I NEEDED!
Thank you, everyone!
No problem!
USING PEOPLE SURE COMES NATURALLY TO YOU...
A MAP!?
WE USED OUR POWER OF TRANSFORMATION TO SEARCH EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THIS CASTLE
SO WE ALL MADE *THIS!*

HMM... LOOKS LIKE THERE'S TWO PLACES ON HERE WE HAVEN'T TRIED.
THE SEWERS, AND THE FRONT DOOR.
WE'LL LEAVE THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR!
WELL, THAT'S REALLY JUST ONE OPTION IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT.
YES, I SUPPOSE WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE. WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE FRONT DOOR..
YEAH, WE'LL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THE SMELL IN THE SEW...
HUH?
BUT I'M A PRINCESS. IT'D BE BAD FOR MY IMAGE IF I WERE TO GO THROUGH THE SEWERS...
ARE YOU RETARDED!? HOW THE HELL DO YOU THINK THAT'D WORK!?
SCREW YOUR IMAGE!
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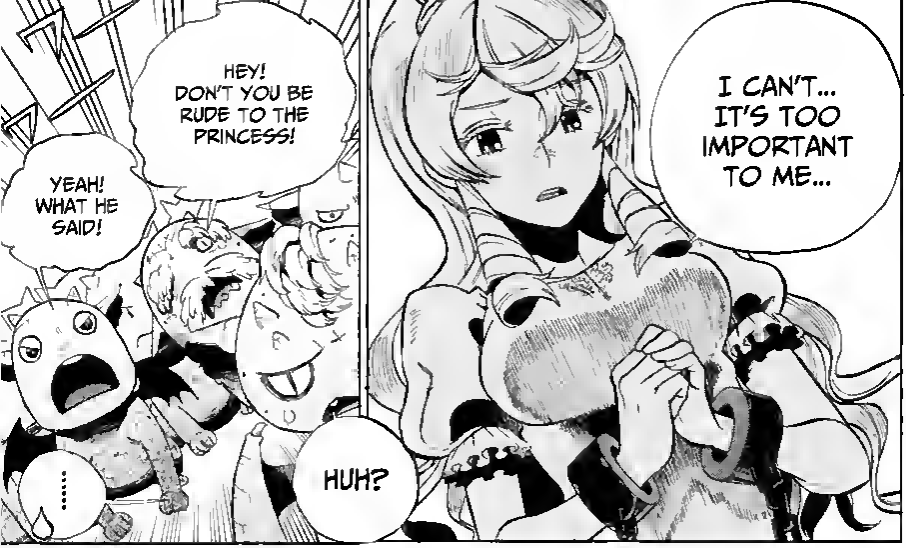
HEY! DON'T YOU BE RUDE TO THE PRINCESS!
YEAH! WHAT HE SAID!
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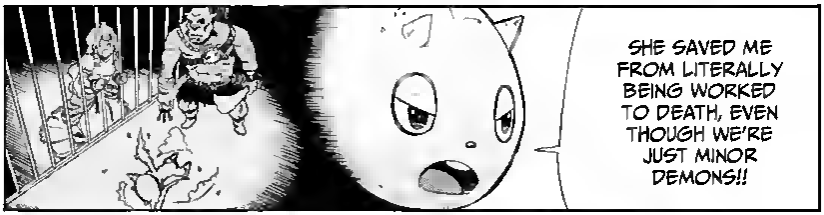
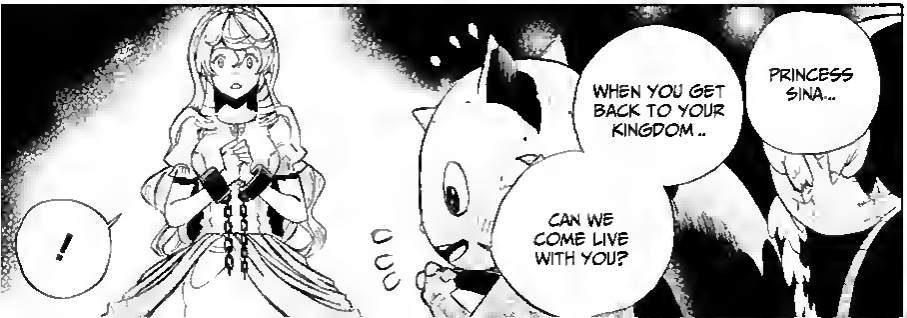
HUH?
I CAN'T... IT'S TOO IMPORTANT TO ME...


SHE SAVED ME FROM LITERALLY BEING WORKED TO DEATH, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE JUST MINOR DEMONS!!

HE CAN HAVE MINE, JUST PLEASE LET HIM HAVE SOME FOOD..!
HE'LL DIE IF YOU KEEP DOING THIS!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CAN WE COME LIVE WITH YOU?
WHEN YOU GET BACK TO YOUR KINGDOM ..
PRINCESS SINA...

OF COURSE!
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HMPH.
Yaaa

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST GIVE UP THIS TIME...
.....
PLEASE... JUST LET THE REST OF MY FAMILY LIVE...
IT'S PITCH-BLACK IN HERE.
WE CAN GET DOWN THESE STAIRS WHILE THE GUARDS ARE SLEEPING FROM THE DRUGS WE GAVE THEM.
THEN WE JUST NEED TO GET THROUGH THE FRONT HALL, OUT THE DOOR, AND WE'RE FREE.
LET'S GO.
THAT MAKES IT BETTER FOR US.
WE'LL USE THE THREE TRAP PASSAGES ON THE MAP.

HM? WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
WAH! ALREADY!?
THE DRUGS IN THE FOOD DIDN'T WORK!?
HOW'D YOU GET OUT!?
WH-WH-WHAT DO I DO!?
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AH -
WHA...
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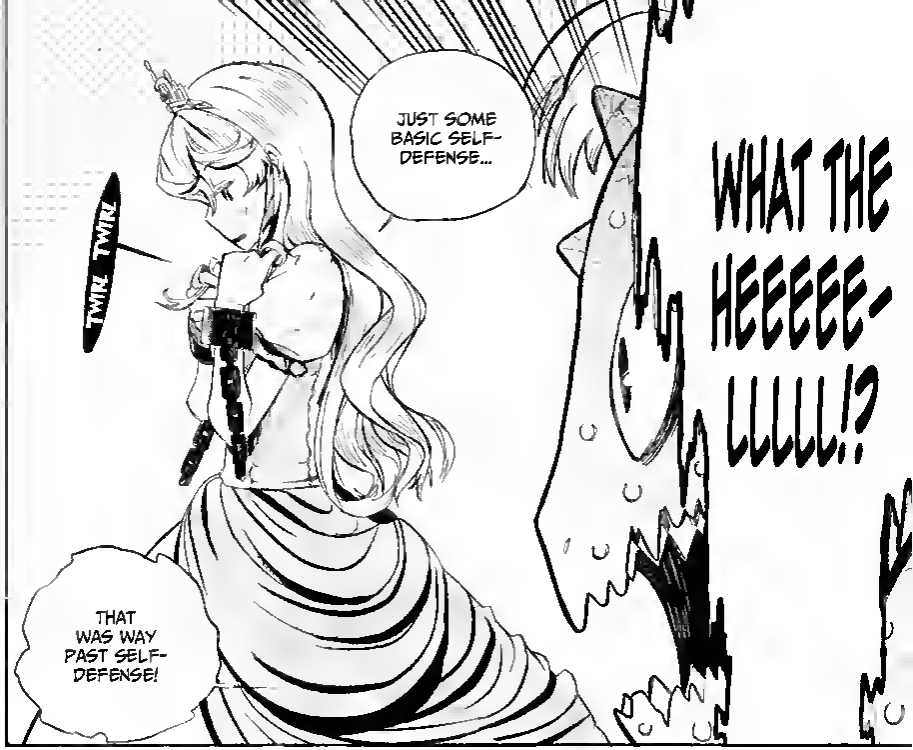
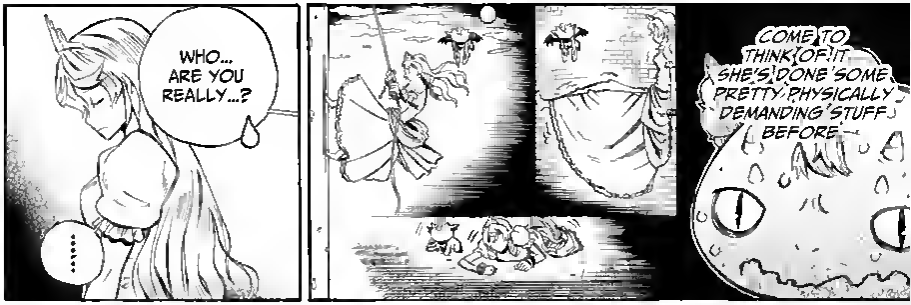

JUST SOME BASIC SELF-DEFENSE...
TWIRL TWIRL
THAT WAS WAY PAST SELF-DEFENSE!
WHAT THE HEEEEE-LLLLL!?


WHO... ARE YOU REALLY...?
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COME TO THINK OF IT, SHE'S DONE SOME PRETTY PHYSICALLY DEMANDING STUFF BEFORE...

THE KNIGHTS TAUGHT ME HOW TO USE WEAPONS, AND I SPARRED WITH MY BROTHER ALL THE TIME...
WHEN I WAS A CHILD,

I ADMIRED KNIGHTS AND HEROES...
THERE! THAT'S 42 WINS FOR ME!
TH... THAT WAS A CHEAP TRICK!
DOESN'T MATTER HOW CHEAP IT IS, IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR BEING SCARED!
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EEK!
AND HATED "PRINCESSES" WHO COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
MOTHER!
YOU SENT BROTHER WITH THE SQUAD TO INVESTIGATE THE OVERLORD... WHY NOT ME!?
A PRINCESS' DUTY IS TO WAIT IN HER CASTLE!
THAT SORT OF DUTY IS MEANING-LESS!
IT IS MOST CERTAINLY NOT.

TO BE A BEACON OF HOPE THAT WILL SAVE THEM FROM BEING DESTROYED BY DESPAIR.
THE KINGDOM IS PARALYZED WITH FEAR FROM THE RUMORS OF THE OVERLORD'S REVIVAL.
IT IS A PRINCESS' DUTY TO STAND BEFORE THE PEOPLE WITH A SMILE ON HER FACE TO EASE THEIR UNREST.
AND TRUE TO HER WORDS, MOTHER WAS NEVER SEEN WITHOUT A SMILE ON HER FACE...
NOT EVEN WHEN GREW ILL AND KNEW SHE DID NOT HAVE MUCH LONGER TO LIVE.
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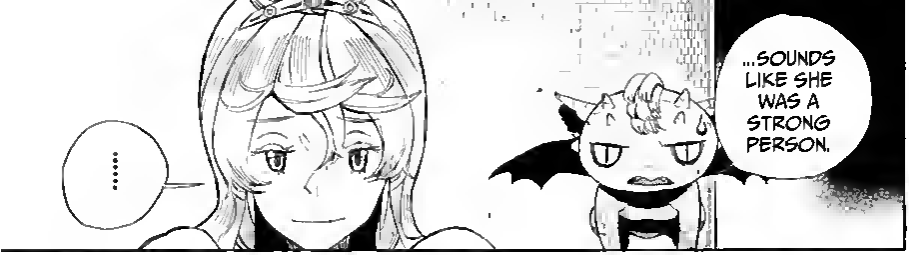
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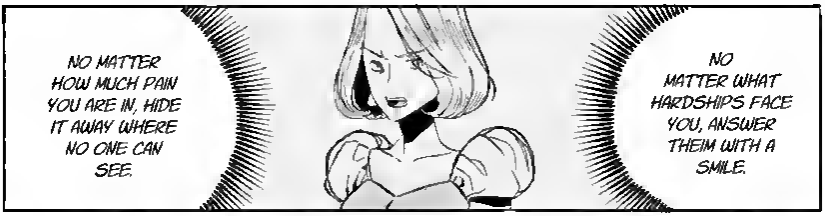
...SOUNDS LIKE SHE WAS A STRONG PERSON.


NO MATTER HOW MUCH PAIN YOU ARE IN, HIDE IT AWAY WHERE NO ONE CAN SEE.
NO MATTER WHAT HARDSHIPS FACE YOU, ANSWER THEIM WITH A SMILE.

!
HEY, WHAT'RE YOU DOING THERE!?
IT WAS ONLY AFTER THAT...
BUT...
AGAIN ..
!
THAT I TRULY UNDERSTOOD MY MOTHER!

AT MY MOTHER'S FUNERAL,
WHEN I SAW HER MORE RADIANT AND MORE DIGNIFIED THAN SHE HAD EVER APPEARED IN HER LIFE...
THE SIGHT OF SUCH A BEAUTIFUL QUEEN IN A COFFIN TOOK MY BREATH AWAY.
AND THEN...

AND THEN...
SHE LOOKS SO PEACEFUL.
!
YES, SHE DOES.
IT WAS LIKE SHE WERE MERELY ASLEEP, WITHOUT AN OUNCE OF PAIN
EVEN THEN, SHE KEPT HERSELF AT PEACE.
IN THE QUEEN'S FINAL MOMENTS,
SHE WAS CARRIED TO HEAVEN BY THE SMILES OF THE PEOPLE
AS IF SHE WERE TRULY HAPPY...
WHEN I SAW THAT, I FINALLY UNDER-STOOD.
THIS IS A BATTLE!!

MY MOTHER WAS SO HARSH,
AND YET SO BEAUTIFUL.
THAT IS WHAT I WANT TO BE!!!
A BATTLE TO THE DEATH
TO PROTECT THE IMAGE OF A PRINCESS!

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SO I'M GOING TO BREAK OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS I CAN, SO THAT NO ONE HAS TO TROUBLE THEMSELVES FOR ME,
AND RETURN HOME TO PUT THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE AT EASE!
FOR MY IMAGE AS A PRINCESS!
NOW, LET'S HURRY!
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THIS PRINCESS ISN'T NORMAL...
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AND NOT THE WAY SHE'S SO SINGLE-MINDED!!
NOT THE WAY SHE THINKS...
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YOUR LEGS ARE SPREAD TOO FAR, PRINCESS.
AH! MY IMAGE, MY IMAGE!

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W—WELL, IT WASN'T *THAT* DANGEROUS...
WEREN'T YOU "OUT" IF YOU WERE EVER IN DANGER?
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WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE..?
BUT WE'RE FINALLY AT THE HALL.
OH, I'VE KNOWN ALL ALONG.
YOU'D NEVER ABANDON ME!
.....
HMPH.
WHATEVER. WE'RE DONE AFTER WE GET THROUGH THIS HALL.
YEAH, YEAH, WHATEVER YOU SAY.
HEH HEH HEH. STOP TRYING TO HIDE IT.

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU...
!!
PRINCESS SIVA.
I SEE EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS INSIDE IT...
THIS CASTLE IS FULL OF MY MAGIC...
HOW.. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO COME BACK TOMORROW..
THE OVERLORD!!
GARGON!

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GAH!
DIDN'T YOU SAY NOT TO HURT HER!?
PRINCESS!!

I AM A PRINCESS!
I WILL DIE IN A PLACE BEFITTING THAT, AND NOWHERE ELSE!
ONLY SO THAT I COULD KILL HER MYSELF...
AS IF THAT WOULD HAPPEN!
A PRINCESS!?
AGH!!
!
I REALIZED THAT!!
LOOKING PRETTY WON'T HELP YOU!

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BROTHER!?
WHAT!?
NO... HOW...!?
SURPRISED?
WHEN I... WHEN *WE* WENT TO INVESTIGATE THE OVERLORD...
WE WERE ABSORBED INTO HIM AT THE END OF THE BATTLE... AND I SAW HIS GREATNESS!
ON THE BATTLE-FIELD,
SINA.

BUT FOR US TO TRULY BECOME ONE, I HAVE TO SEVER ALL MY TIES TO MY HUMAN SELF...
I HAVE THE OVERLORD'S POWER AND IMMORTALITY!
I DON'T NEED TO PUT ON SOME ROYAL FARCE ANY LONGER!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, BROTHER...?
I'M NOT YOUR BROTHER ANYMORE.
TO KILL THE HUMANS OF THE KINGDOM...
AND YOU!!

THE OVERLORD GAVE ME THIS CHANCE...
SO I'M GOING TO START BY SHOWING OUR WORTHLESS FATHER, WHO SENT ME OFF TO THAT BATTLEFIELD...
THAT I'VE TAKEN HIS MOST PRECIOUS THING FROM HIM!!

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AAHH!!
RGH...
YOU...

I.. I'M SORRY...
HUFF-
!
YOU ALWAYS WERE AN IMPUDENT LITTLE SISTER...

D... DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. JUST FLESH WOUNDS.
GARGON!
BUT...!
IT'D BE BAD FOR MY IMAGE AS A GUY IF I DIDN'T PROTECT A GIRL... RIGHT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE WAITING FOR YOU'D DO TO ME?
!
YOU HAVE YOUR FAMILY WAITING FOR YOU TOO, DON'T YOU...?
AND...
W... WELL, YEAH...
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU BE SAD...

SO DON'T EVER DO THAT AGAIN...
.....!
WHERE ARE YOU HIDING, SINAAAAA!?
!!
FIVE MINUTES.
I CAN GET BACKUP IN FIVE MINUTES...
CAN YOU HOLD OUT THAT LONG?
YES!
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..FIVE MINUTES..
!!
MOTHER... PLEASE, JUST THIS ONCE, LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH...
NOW YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S AFRAID OF ME..
HAH HAH HAH.. I'M SO GLAD.

THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT DESPAIR...!!

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UNBELIEVABLE...
HOW CAN YOU EVEN STAND LIKE THAT...?
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THOSE EYES! THOSE EYES!!
THOSE EYES THAT SHOW YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN! I'VE ALWAYS HATED THOSE EYES!!
THOSE EYES...

OH, I CAN'T DO THAT...
I HAVE TO KILL YOU IN FRONT OF THE KING...
PRINCESS SINA!!
HOW'D THIS HAPPEN...!?
EVERYONE, HELP HER!!
FOOLS...
NO...
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!?
YOUR VOICES...
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU...
PLEASE... CHEER ME ON...
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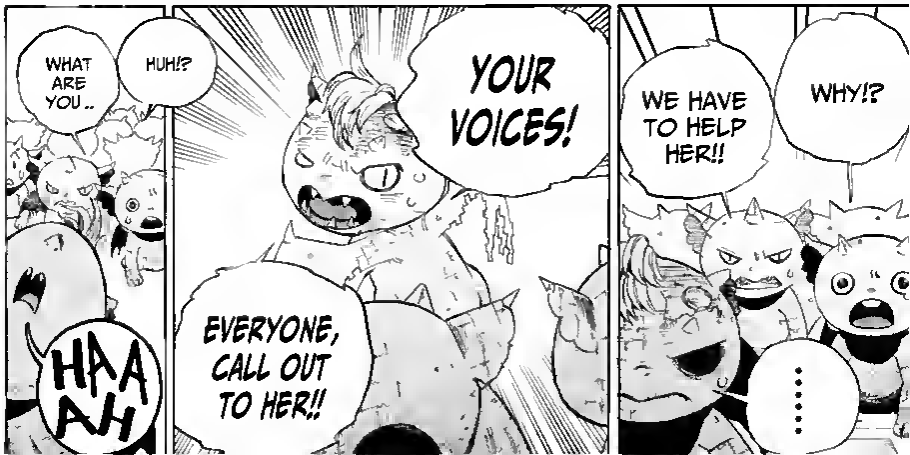
THAT'S ALL I NEED...
JUST YOUR VOICES...


WHAT ARE YOU..
HUH!?
HAAAH
YOUR VOICES!
EVERYONE, CALL OUT TO HER!!
WE HAVE TO HELP HER!!
WHY!?
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WE'RE ALL HERE WITH YOU!!
YOU CAN DO IT, PRINCESS SINA!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ALL OF YOU, AS LOUD AS YOU CAN!!
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PRINCESS!!
YOU CAN DO IIIIIT!!

YOU CAN DO IT!!
PRINCESS!!
PRINCESS!!!
DON'T DIE!!
GO FOR IT!
GET UP!!
WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!!
HIDE IT AWAY WHERE NO ONE CAN SEE.
PRINCESS!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH PAIN YOU ARE IN,
NO MATTER WHAT HARDSHIPS FACE YOU, ANSWER THEM WITH A SMILE.
PRINCESS!!

AAAAAA
WHA...
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SERIOUSLY...?
RIDICULOUS... HOW CAN YOU STAND...?
PRIN-CESS!
PRIN-CESS!
PRIN-CESS!
YOU'RE JUST A HUMAN!!
.....
PRIN-CESS!
THIS...
IS NOTHING...
NO NEED TO WORRY! YOUR PRINCESS IS PERFECTLY FINE!!
!!!!!
THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

COMPARED TO KEEPING EVERYONE AT EASE...
AND MAINTAINING MY IMAGE...
THIS IS NOTHING!!
THERE IS ONE POWER THAT DESPAIR CAN NEVER OVERCOME.
!
THE POWER TO TRIUMPH OVER DESPAIR...
A POWER BORN FROM YOUR APPEARANCE, YOUR DISPOSITION, AND YOUR WILL.

THE POWER OF A PRINCESS!!
EEK!
SHE'S...
JUST LIKE..
MOM...

EVERYONE!
TURN INTO SNAKES!!
EEK!
SO...
YOU MAY LOOK DIFFERENT, BUT YOU'RE STILL MY BROTHER..

ACT LIKE A PRINCE!!
SHE BROKE HIS WILL... THE FUSION IS...
!
NOW!!
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THAT'S 43 WINS!
BROTHER...
UGH
YOU DID IT!
YOU BEAT THE OVERLORD!!
WOW!
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PRINCESS SINA! WE HAVE TO GET OUT...
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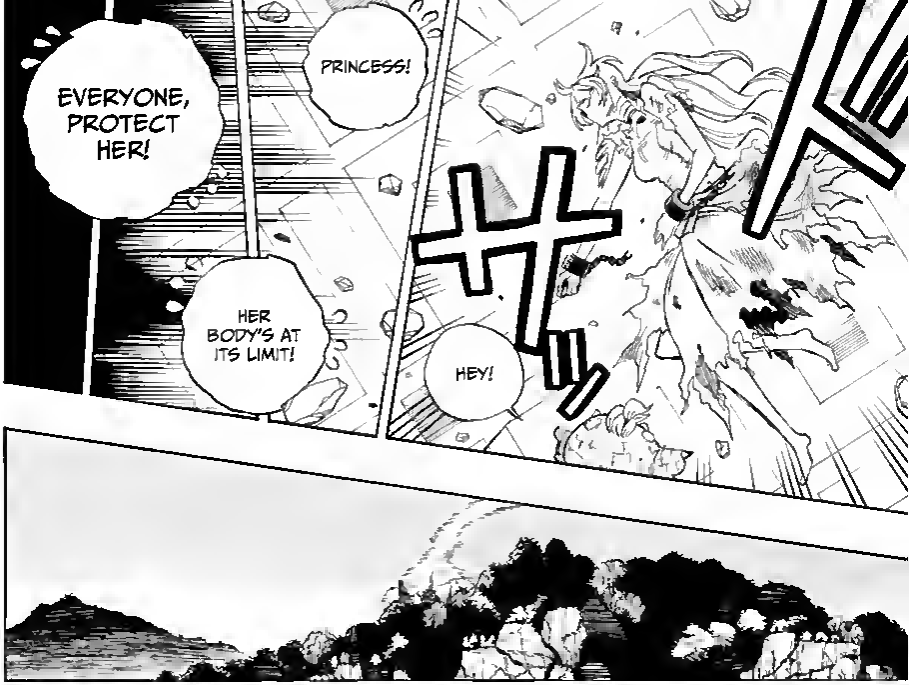
THE MAGIC THAT HELD IT TOGETHER IS GONE!
TH... THE CASTLE IS COLLAPSING!?


EVERYONE, PROTECT HER!
PRINCESS!
HER BODY'S AT ITS LIMIT!
HEY!

BUT I'M FINE NOW YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR NORMAL BODIES.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
NO WE CAN'T!
YOU ALL MADE SUCH SPLENDID ARMOR..
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THANK YOU SO MUCH, EVERYONE.
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SOMEONE'S THERE!!
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YEAH!
IT'S NOT SAFE YET, SO WAIT UNTIL WE'RE BACK AT THE KINGDOM.
BUT THIS ISN'T GREAT FOR MY IMAGE...
THERE'S STILL RUBBLE!
Later on, when the army that had been sent to bring down the overlord remembered this moment...
WHO ARE YOU!?
THEN DID THEY DEFEAT THE OVERLORD...!?
SOMEONE DESTROYED THE CASTLE!
CLANK
IT'S ME! THE PRINCESS!
they swore they had met the hero of legend.
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THIS JUST ISN'T RIGHT.
脱獄姫
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